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SUBJ: HEAD OF SPANISH ROYAL HOUSE RELEASES STATEMENT ON ACCESSION  
OF JUAN CARLOS AS KING

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1. DON JUAN, FATHER OF KING JUAN CARLOS, HAD HIS PRESS SECRETARY ISSUE AN OPAQUELY WORDED COMMUNIQUE CONCERNING HIS SON'S ACCESSION TO THE THRONE. IT INDICATED DON JUAN PERSONALLY WOULD REMAIN SILENT FOR THE TIME BEING, A CURIOUS FORMULATION FOR ONE WHO HAS AUTHORIZED A COMMUNIQUE. DON JUAN ASSERTED HE HAD "UNRENOUNCEABLE" DUTIES AS THE HEIR OF THE SPANISH THRONE (SEE REFTEL).

2. WITHOUT PASSING JUDGMENT ON THE LONG RULE OF FRANCO, DON JUAN'S COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT SINCE HE BECAME THE HEIR OF THE SPANISH THRONE IN 1941 HE HAD ATTEMPTED "TO OFFER THE INSTITUTION OF THE MONARCHY TO ALL SPANIARDS AS AN INSTRUMENT OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND AS A VEHICLE FOR THE SPANISH PEOPLE'S PEACEFUL ACCESSION TO SOVEREIGNTY."

3. TO THIS END, HIS SON AND HEIR, JUAN CARLOS, MUST PROFESS THE SAME OBJECTIVES: ESTABLISHMENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE ELIMINATING CORRUPTION, ACHIEVEMENT OF A TRUE  
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PLURALIST DEMOCRACY, INTEGRATION INTO THE EUROPEAN

COMMUNITY, AND EXPANSION OF THE POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS  
ESTABLISHED BY FRANCO INTO AUTHENTICALLY  
REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS.

4. IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT STATEMENT BY THE HEAD OF DON  
JUAN'S INFORMATION OFFICE (SEE REFTTEL) THAT DON JUAN  
MIGHT BESTOW DYNASTIC LEGITIMACY UPON HIS SON UNDER PROPER  
CONDITIONS, THE PURPOSE OF THIS LENGTHY AND RATHER CLUMSY  
COMMUNIQUE IS UNCLEAR. IT MAY HAVE BEEN TO ESTABLISH THE  
GUIDELINES BY WHICH DON JUAN WILL MAKE HIS FUTURE JUDGMENT,  
OR TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS WELL UNDERSTOOD THAT DON JUAN  
STILL INTENDS TO PLAY A ROLE, TO THE EXTENT HE CAN. AT  
THE END, THE COMMUNIQUE PROMISES HE WILL MAKE A MORE  
EXTENSIVE STATEMENT "AT THE PROPER TIME".  
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